

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STATE GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE: HISTORICAL DATA

INTRODUCTION

The following page presents a chart showing the size of the State Government workforce from 1917 to the present. Data are unavailable for 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, and 1947 through 1949. We have labeled the initial point, every point that represents a new decade, and the most recent point. Various Commissions and Authorities were included as a separate category until 1993. At present, counts for members of Commissions and Authorities of agencies that the Statutes place “in but not of” the Executive Departments are reflected in the Departments that house them or are reported as “Other Government Employment” on Page 9.

We present a more detailed look at the workforce since 1980 on Page 30. This chart excludes various Commissions and Authorities that are reported as “Other Government Employment” on Page 9 after FY1993, and all data points are labeled with employee counts. We also indicate where significant changes occurred in the structure of State Government and affected the size of the workforce.

We follow with an analysis of the change in the size of the workforce from year to year. Page 31 is based on the data from Page 29, and shows every year’s change in the number of employees from the previous year. The years when the workforce grew the most rapidly have the tallest columns; years when the workforce declined in number have columns extending below the baseline. We provide a closer look for 1980 to the present on Page 32, which is based on data from Page 30. In this chart, we have labeled all of the columns with the change in number of employees as well as the percentage change from the previous year.

Pages 33 through 36 present data for the different agencies since 1960 in tabular form. Some of our counts of employees at various agencies have been revised since previous editions of the Workforce Profile, although overall totals remain the same. In such cases, or where State Government structure was modified, we have added footnotes to comment on major changes in employee counts. Most of the agencies that the statutes place “in but not of” various Departments are included in the figures for those Departments; the larger “in but not of” agencies are identified on the same line where we report the data for each Department with which they are associated. All figures are from close of each fiscal year, so that changes in the workforce since July of 2000 are not reflected in the table.